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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the Examiner's FINAL Rejection mailed 10/18/95, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## In the Specification

Page 1, line 5, after "filed on June 17, 1992.", please insert the following sentence:

This application also is a continuation-in-part of copending application serial no. 08/008,529 filed

1/25/93, now U.S. Patent 5,326,652. F-

## **REMARKS**

The specification is amended to claim priority under 35 USC 120 of a patent application for a battery package having a flexible polymer base film on which is deposited a flexible layer of inorganic material to encapsulate and seal the battery.

The undersigned respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this amendment to the specification unconditionally, rather than entering it only upon Applicant's filing an appeal. Applicant desires to establish the priority of the present application under 35 USC 120 before filing a continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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